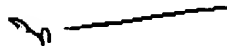


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REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her courtesy and assistance during an interview, which was held on 28 October 2005.
2. Claims 1-3, 15, 17-18, 56, 59, 63, 64, and 66-69 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hartrick *et al.*, U.S. patent number 5,532,920. During the above-mentioned interview, the Examiner acknowledged that the claim amendments proposed by Applicant, and which are faithfully reproduced herein, would overcome this rejection. Accordingly, these claims are deemed to be in allowable condition based on the accompanying claim amendments.
3. The Examiner has also made various rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicant submits that, in view of the allowability of the base claims, the claims rejected for obviousness, each of which is a dependent claim, is by that dependency allowable as well.
4. Should the Examiner deem it helpful, she is encouraged to contact the Applicant's Attorney, Michael A. Glenn, at (650) 474-8400.

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